

# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

4 - Jesus Food @ Faribo West Mall from 10-Noon  
 12 - UMW @ Hope UMC after church

Next Month:  
 October 2nd - Crop Walk @ 8:30AM

### September Birthday's

- 1 - Laura Truman
- 2 - Joan Sutter; Doug Truman
- 6 - Rosemarie Marraccini; Troy Johnson
- 10 - Connie Tuin
- 14 - Rick Rabeneck
- 19 - Vincent Rahman
- 23 - Mel Sanborn
- 28 - Tammy Armstrong
- 29 - Olivia Burns

### September Anniversaries

- 15 - Josh & Heather Grambart
- 19 - Mel & Mary Sanborn
- 27 - Marge & Jerry Saxton



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### Chuckles

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

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A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!' While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again! As she ran she once again began to pray, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!'

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A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem . A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a baby-sitter.'

# Rainbow Notes

## From The Pastor's Desk

The pandemic continues, and sometimes gets worse. We had hoped that with vaccines it would be waning. It is frustrating as it limits our gathering as a church, as families and as a community. But it doesn't have to stop us. God is always on the move even during difficult times.

The question is if we can see God's movement or is it easier to ignore what God is doing because it may not fit into our understanding of who and what God is?

It is a remarkable thing that Jesus never wrote a book or drew up a creed. He was at no pains to record his own thoughts in unalterable writing, nor did he impart to his disciples a common set of articles of, logically and unmistakably linked together, which they were to hold and to teach. He would have little sympathy for the modern attempts to standardize the theology of men. He did not put his thoughts into

articles of faith, which men must sign -- he put them into actions, which men must do. His great word was not "This say," but "This do." He has not commanded us to repeat creeds, but to perform deeds; not to recite, but to do the will of the God.

Even during the pandemic there are opportunities to serve God. It could be a phone call, a note or a prayer for someone else. That is how God moves, through us and in so doing we can experience God living in us and in our midst. Nothing, no principalities or powers, or flesh and blood can stop God's movement among us. All we are asked to do is participate in what ever way we choose. In the midst of the darkness of the pandemic we can, as a church and people, be a beacon of hope.

A young man once came to a great rabbi and asked him to make

the younger man a rabbi. It was wintertime then. The rabbi stood at the window looking out upon the yard, while the rabbinical candidate was droning into his ears a glowing account of his piety and learning.

The young man said, "You see, Rabbi, I always go dressed in spotless white like the sages of old. I never drink any alcoholic beverages; only water ever passes my lips. Also, I live a plain and simple life. I have sharp-edged nails inside my shoes to mortify me. Even in the coldest weather, I lie naked in the snow to torment my flesh. Also daily, I receive forty lashes on my bare back to complete my perpetual penance."

As the young man spoke, a white horse was led into the yard and to the water trough. It drank, and then it rolled in the snow, as horses sometimes do.

"Just look!" cried the rabbi. "That animal, too, is dressed in white.

It also drinks nothing but water, has nails in its shoes and rolls naked in the snow. Also, rest assured, it gets its daily ration of forty lashes on the rump from its master. Now, I ask you, is it a saint, or is it a horse?!?!" Which is more important -- what goes into us or what comes out of us?

Pastor Dana

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# A Lesson in Forgiveness

Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Luke 7:47-48

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

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- 11-9-19-19-5-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-9-14-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-5-18-6-21-13-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8-15-21-19-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-5-5-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 12-15-22-5-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8-1-9-18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-15-18-7-9-22-5-14 \_\_\_\_\_
- 23-15-13-1-14 \_\_\_\_\_

TEARS	PERFUME	FORGIVEN	LOVED	KISSED
SINS	WOMAN	FEET	HAIR	HOUSE

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The puzzle is based on Luke 7:36-50



E F V I Z N T G P E H G F B B  
 H E E G A L E P U E F A M Z K  
 S E H M T V A M F E R Q I M Q  
 K T O P C L C H B S S F Z R J  
 I W W W X U H O K A N T U Y D  
 S N J N H B E U C W U I S M D  
 S G D T A H R S J M F B C L E  
 E J I Z L E V E U U B R Z F G  
 D A C W O G L O V E D Z N N B  
 F W D K S I N N E R U R I B R  
 Z J H C F O E I E D M P O E I  
 H H F O R G I V E N E V N S Z  
 B A Q X K U G K W E Q N D S I  
 J Z T E A R S N W I I Q T R T  
 Y B G Y U P V T W D D A A Z N

TEACHER	FEET	WOMAN	WEEPING	FORGIVEN
FAITH	HOUSE	DINNER	SINNER	GUESTS
KISSED	PERFUME	HAIR	TEARS	LOVED

## Financial Report

Checking Account Balance		52,780.64
Building Maintenance Fund		8,423.03
Total 2021 Apport onments	7,300.00	
Amount Received to Pay Out	(750.00)	
Apport onments Balance Due		6,550.00
Edward Jones Opportunity Fund Balance (as of 7/30/2021)		76,506.32
Xcel Energy Shares Account Balance (1/20/2021)		1,100.73
Building Fund Balance (Since 6/17/2015)		22,110.00
FOCUS Dollars Balance (Since 6/21/2015)		18,881.00
50% Designated for Building Fund Maintenance	9,440.50	
25% Designated for Discret onary Fund	4,720.25	
25% Designated for Grow	4,720.25	
PPP SBA Loan 4/22/2020 \$10,500 - Forgiven		
PPP SBA Loan 2/23/2021 - \$10,044 Forgiven		
Piano Fund Balance*		2,500.00
Checking Account Balance	52,780.64	
Minus Building Fund Balance	(22,110.00)	
Minus FOCUS Dollars Balance	(18,881.00)	
Minus Missions/Designated Funds *	(3,027.25)	
<b>Actual Checking Account Balance</b>	<u>8,762.39</u>	
<b>Missions/Designated Funds (*Funds Due)</b>		
Cinderella's Closet (1/1/2020 to present)		130.00
*Discret onary Funds (1/1/17 to present)		400.00
Food Shelf (Paid Quarterly)		145.00
Feed My Starving Children (Paid Quarterly)		176.25
Heifer Internat onal		25.00
Honey (1/1/2021 to present)		119.00
*Prom Dress Donat ions(4/5/2015 to present)		1,157.00
Salvat on Army (Paid Quarterly)		40.00
*Roof (10/7/2018 to present)		140.00
UMCOR (Paid Quarterly)		40.00
Camp Koronis (Paid Quarterly)		5.00
Memorials		570.00
Misc (2020 Christmas)		80.00

## Financial Report Continued

Cash Flow	Income	Expenses	Overall Total
January	8,958.84	5,475.67	3,483.17
February	6,671.20	7,312.10	(640.90)
March	6,373.66	6,016.82	356.84
April	8,294.24	5,272.81	3,021.43
May	6,705.43	5,092.61	1,612.82
June	3,952.00	6,117.90	(2,165.90)
July	6,480.45	4,923.81	1,556.64
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
Total 2021	47,435.82	40,211.72	7,224.10

## UMW Meeting Notes 8-14-21

Members present: Mary, Kendra and Rose

Rose provided coffee, mini cinnamon rolls and fruit treats.

Meeting began with an opening prayer from Saint Francis of Assisi.

On the first Saturday of the month members are encouraged to help pack food for Jesus Food. They meet 10am – 12noon at Faribault Mall.

Members present decided to uplift mission projects during Sunday Service instead of our meetings starting with the following mission: Sarah's/Ruth's House. She will speak Sept 5<sup>th</sup> following announcements. Sandy will speak about both mission statements of homes. The idea is to honor this organization with a monetary gift while learning more about their mission in our community. Pastor Dana was fine with this.

Quilt was discussed. Quilt is currently hanging at Hope Church. Two years ago, quilt hung in the lobby at Reliance Bank. 100% of funds raised went to back pack program for children. Rose will contact Carolyn regarding template for tickets.

Kathleen continues updating the church directory.

Rose gave treasure's report. There is \$561.35 in the UMW checkbook. Free will offering was taken after meeting.

Information about UMW will be communicated through emails. Mary will call members without emails.

Prayers were uplifted for Marge Saxton and Marlene Sterling.

Sterling pharmacy gives 1 free vitamin bottle per person per month.

Members present decided to change meeting time from Sat. to the second Sunday after church (Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>). We are hoping to improve attendance.

Meeting adjourned with closing prayer. Go forth with the calm assurance that the unparalleled love of God surrounds, upholds and preserves your life.

Respectively Submitted By,

Rose, UMW president

## Hope's Happenings



### Faribo Area Crop Walk

October 2nd, 2021

Cathedral Of Our Merciful Savior (Cloister)

Registration @ 8:30AM

Walk @ 9:00AM

Contact Mel and Mary Sanborn for more info:

507-334-3742

507-344-6541

### Hope Church Worship Services

We are having in-person worship!

With the virus is still growing, please wear a mask to our service.

The worship services will continue to be streamed live.

If you would like to watch and participate please contact Jenna Dahl at [jdahl60@gmail.com](mailto:jdahl60@gmail.com).

### UMW Meeting

September 12th after church service @

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All welcome!